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Alabama Dry Goods Co., Birmingham; Smith's Bakery, Mobile.

ARKANSAS
Arkansas Dry Goods Co., Little Rock; Arkansas Woolen Mill, Inc., Jonesboro.

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Indiana Dry Goods Co., Indianapolis; Indiana Woolen Mill, Inc., Indianapolis.

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Kansas Dry Goods Co., Kansas City; Kansas Woolen Mill, Inc., Kansas City.

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Michigan Dry Goods Co., Detroit; Michigan Woolen Mill, Inc., Detroit.

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Minnesota Dry Goods Co., Minneapolis; Minnesota Woolen Mill, Inc., Minneapolis.

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Nebraska Dry Goods Co., Omaha; Nebraska Woolen Mill, Inc., Omaha.

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Ohio Dry Goods Co., Columbus; Ohio Woolen Mill, Inc., Columbus.

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Tennessee Dry Goods Co., Nashville; Tennessee Woolen Mill, Inc., Nashville.

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Wyoming Dry Goods Co., Cheyenne; Wyoming Woolen Mill, Inc., Cheyenne.

475 UNION-BUSTING FIRMS LISTED BUT NOT EXPOSED

Two weeks after the Senate rackets committee opened its "investigation" into employer ties with racketeers Senator McClellan slammed the door shut and prepared to go back to his investigation of "corruption in labor." Little actual investigating of employers was done.

'Recession Here' Economists Say; Pay Cuts Start

A recent conference at the University of Michigan revealed that more than two-thirds of the economists and businessmen present considered the country already in "a mild recession."

Dr. V. Lewis Bassie, director of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research of the University of Illinois, summed up the majority view when he said:

"The question is how far will the current recession go? Will it be a longer and deeper recession? The latter is the probable answer. Every postwar boom has been followed by a major depression and there is no reason to think this one will have a different ending."

The economists estimated that a total of 3,200,000 workers may be without jobs next year. This would represent a rise of 400,000 over the present unemployment figure.

Macy Agrees

Speaking for Macy's Board Chairman Jack Straus said, "We expect that for the rest of this year and the first half of next year retail sales for the country as a whole will be about even with—or possibly slightly under—last year's sales. For the second half of 1958, our economic experts advise us to expect a renewal of the countrywide forward movement."

After stating that "all our department store divisions continue to be in the black," corporate president Wheelock Bingham said: "The recent scattered unemployment in the Long Island area, resulting chiefly from the Federal Government's adjustment of its defense spending policies, has been painful to many families, and it has undoubtedly affected retail business in that area. . . ."

Adding further to the difficulties confronting workers all over the country is the prediction made by the experts that prices would continue to rise even though jobs and business volume slumps.

Recession Pays—the Boss

While some businessmen may be developing a case of the jitters over the uncertain state of the economy, there are many who

will not be. One stage of the Shefferman formula is headed "Talk to the Guy."

"At this point," says Shefferman, "The 'Talk to the Guy' plan goes into operation. Supervisors, determined by the Board of Stra-

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Nathan W. Shefferman, labor relations consultant, is shown in a recent photograph.

Senator McClellan, who was in the Senate when the committee was formed, is shown in a recent photograph.

I-S Services Changed For Holidays

The Local I-S program of free legal aid and social service counseling at the Union office will be suspended during the Christmas season and will be resumed on Wednesday evening, January 8th. The services, used each year by hundreds of Union members, have been of immense help in dealing with a wide variety of problems. Members in good standing who find themselves in the need of assistance between now and the time that regular service is resumed in mid-January can call the Union office. They will be referred directly to the compensation lawyer, the general lawyer or the social service

Worth Talking About



By President Sam Kovenetsky

IT IS NOW AGREED THAT WE ARE in an economic state of "recession." All of the facts and figures show that personal income of American workers has dropped—that the number of hours of work has declined, and that there is an increase in the total number of unemployed.

At the same time, we are told by the experts that there is something new and different in this period of economic decline. Namely, prices are expected to continue rising while everything else goes down!

This situation brings to mind the debate that continued all through the great depression of the 1930's: Was the depression a result of "Over-Production" or "Under-Consumption"?

NOW THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE CLEAR even at this point. We know that the productivity of workers has risen sharply in the years since the end of World War II. We know that industry has expanded at an enormous rate—and that we, the taxpayers, have financed a large part of that expansion. We know that it was big business that fought successfully to kill price controls back in 1946. And we know that prices and profits have not stopped climbing since then.

We also know that while wages have risen the very best that can be said is that they have managed to stay a step or two ahead of price rises. But in many cases—especially among the unorganized—pay has not kept pace with prices, and millions of workers have been able to buy less and less.

IT IS A FACT, TOO, THAT TWENTY MILLION wage earners in our country make less than \$2,000 a year—or \$40 a week. Now, it is not a matter of higher mathematics to know that such an income does not allow a worker to buy the necessities—not to mention the luxuries of life.

From this alone, it becomes obvious that big business has spent the last ten years grabbing every cent it could, without giving too much of a hoot about what happens to us.

We think it would be a relatively simple matter to give our economy a good healthy shot in the arm. We think that the purchasing power of all workers must be increased. This means a federal minimum wage extended to all workers. We think that some form of price control is clearly needed to curb the greedy manufacturer and retailer. We think that the tax structure must be revised to claim a much bigger piece of corporate profits, while cutting substantially the tax burden carried by the worker. And we think that Social Security and other pension benefits must be raised to the point where millions of older people will also be able to buy the products of our factories and fields, enjoy a decent standard of living, and contribute to the over-all economic well-being of our country.

WE ARE CERTAIN THAT SUCH MEASURES would quickly prove that we are suffering from under-consumption—and not over-production. Let the money be put into the hands of millions of workers and they will quickly and clearly demonstrate that the reason they have not been buying is because they have been unable to—not because they didn't need to!

Now I hardly expect that the present Administration is going to go to bat for such a program. This has rightly been described as a "Big Business Administration." Its cabinet officers and advisers come directly from the ranks of the largest industrial corporations in the land. And even though such a program of economic reform would also benefit them, past experience indicates their opposition to any form of restraint or control.

DURING THE NEW DEAL YEARS, Franklin Roosevelt was bitterly denounced as a "traitor to his class," a "communist," and a "socialist" for daring to propose legislation aimed at increasing the purchasing power of the workers. The fact that the workers then used that purchasing power to buy the products of the men who were damning Roosevelt seemed to make no difference.

But the fact is that the New Deal formula worked! In the 1930's we had to fight on two fronts. We were busy applying political pressure on Washington, and we were engaged in the gigantic task of building an organized labor movement.

Today our labor movement is 17 million strong—and though there are millions yet to be organized it can be said that we are in a better position to fight for a constructive political and economic program than ever before. Let us know our strength and use it wisely. The stakes are tremendous for all of us!

March of Dimes Calls For 100 Gals To Help Recruit Needed Volunteers

A minimum of 100 Local 1-S gals is needed to help guarantee the success of the 1958 March of Dimes.

Special citations will be awarded each woman who volunteers to spend three hours on the telephone lining up building chairmen for the annual Mothers' March on Polio.

The March of Dimes rates this work so highly that they consider the services of each volunteer to be the equivalent of a contribution running into the hundreds of dollars.

Help is needed on weekday evenings between January 6th and January 28th during the hours of 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. at the March of Dimes office, 2 Park Avenue—between 32nd and 33rd Streets.

The work consists of telephoning a prepared list of names and numbers and simply asking whether the person who answers will volunteer to head the March of Dimes drive in the building in which she lives.

There is absolutely no solicitation of funds involved for the volunteers.

Call Now!

Volunteers are urged to call the March of Dimes, MU 3-7900, Extension 11 or 12, and sign up now for this important work.

And everyone should remember the thousands of polio victims still being aided by the March of Dimes when asked to give. A little time and a little money are a big help!

Credit Union Able to Help With Balancing Budget and Gift List

If you are having the usual problem of trying to balance your budget and your holiday shopping list it's time you visited the Local 1-S Credit Union for some of the friendly service and low cost loans it has to offer.

The Credit Union is a cooperative bank, chartered and supervised by the Federal government. It has already loaned more than a million dollars to its members. Its easy and convenient repayment system has earned it a high reputation among those familiar with its methods.

The Local 1-S CU has also won

an outstanding reputation as an excellent savings bank—thanks to the record-high rate of interest it pays on savings. While other banks advertise interest rates of 3.25 per cent, the Credit Union offers its depositors 3.56 per cent.

Many members have found it profitable to move their accounts from other banks to the Credit Union. In doing this, they not only help themselves, but help make available the funds that are needed for loans.

Call or visit the Local 1-S Federal Credit Union today, at WA 4-4540, 290 Seventh Avenue.

HERALD SQUARE WILL GET FINAL POLIO SHOTS ON JANUARY 15TH

The third and final Salk anti-polio shot will be given to Union members from the Herald Square store on Wednesday, January 15th, between the hours of 4 and 7 P.M. at the Union office.

Only those members, and members of their families, who have shot record cards on file at the Union will be eligible to receive the inoculation.

The program of giving free Salk

shots was introduced last February. Nearly 1,100 members have taken advantage of the Union's service, and upon completion, a total of 3,300 shots will have been given.

No shots will be given after January 15th.

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis **YOU MUST** see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office.

You are covered by The Health Plan only until the end of the month in which you leave the store, and have another 30 days within which to arrange for your direct payments.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan enters the hospital or has medical care covered by the Health Plan you **MUST** call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter. Forms must be filled out and returned directly to the Union office.

Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time.

Protect Rights, Report Injuries: Union Urges

Members of Local 1-S were urged to take all steps necessary to protect themselves against personal injury and against financial loss resulting from neglect when injuries occur.

President Sam Kovenetsky pointed to the fact that "it is at this time of the year that the accident rate rises most sharply. This is because the store is more crowded than ever—both with people and with merchandise."

"Any accident, no matter how minor the injury may seem, should be reported both to the Macy Medical Department and to the Union office just as soon as it occurs."

"Too many people," the president said, "tend to ignore minor injuries. What they fail to realize is that any complications resulting from the minor injury cannot be covered by Workmen's Compensation if there is no record of the original injury in the files."

Many Heartaches

According to the Union's compensation lawyer there are numerous cases where members have been denied Compensation because they failed to report even minor injuries.

"There are many cases," he said, "where small accidents have later resulted in complications. It is the lawyer's job to establish proof of a relationship between the disability and the on-the-job accident. This job is all too often made impossible when a search of Macy records reveals no report was made at the time of the mishap."

While all accidents should be reported as soon as they happen, the best thing to do is help prevent them. Unsafe working conditions, such as merchandise in the aisles and on the floor behind counters, should be reported to the Shop Steward immediately, and a grievance should be promptly filed with the supervisor.

HELP!

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WHERE DEMOCRACY flourishes corruption cannot exist. Members of Local I-S await turn to speak at recent membership meeting. Only after a full exchange of opinions do members decide Union policy.

Union-Busters Named, Not Exposed

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tegy, will begin talking to designated associates (workers). The associates selected should be those that the supervision has reason to believe are 'with the Company'. If it is felt necessary by the Board of Strategy that some of these associates can be more easily made 'Company', then the supervisor may be told that an increase in salary is to be given. The increase to be given only after as much information as possible is obtained from the associates, such as: has he signed a card; does he intend to sign a card; does he know anyone that has; will he notify you of anyone that does. Depending on the answers, the increase is to be promised. Do not waste money by ill-placed salary increases."

Macy Admits

In response to the Local I-S charge that Macy's was using the

services of Shefferman's \$2,000,000 a-year firm of Labor Relations Associates and Co. Inc., the company said that they had used them "for consulting advice in matters of employee communications and supervisory training..."

The heart of the Shefferman formula is precisely that. It is a training course for supervisors on how to "communicate" the company's anti-union desires to the workers.

Shefferman's last point in his union-busting formula, advises "top supervision" to speak to each worker individually "in an effort to state the Company's viewpoint regarding unions, a statement of what the associate would lose by joining a union..."

Said President Sam Kovenetsky, "Macy's advised us, after we called on them to publicly disassociate themselves from Shefferman, that

they had done so several months ago.

"The fact is that they bought the formula, and are using it, at least among the Roosevelt Field workers, to this very day. Macy's has not repudiated the union-busting tactics they bought and paid for. The intimidation of workers continues. They are denied the opportunity to decide the question of membership in Local I-S on its merits.

"This is the problem we, and the workers at Roosevelt Field, must face and solve. We are confident that as our members and the shopping public become increasingly aware of the situation more and more of them will refuse to shop in Macy's Roosevelt Field. This is perhaps the only language that Macy's will clearly understand."

RWDSU LAUNCHES 1958 DRIVE FOR WIDER MINIMUM PAY LAW

With Congress due to get back to Washington and down to business immediately after the start of the New Year, organized labor is once again mobilizing to press for extension of the minimum wage and hour law.

The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union has prepared and is circulating, a petition calling on the United States Congress to extend the protection of the law to approximately 20 million workers not now covered.

The text of the petition follows: "Nearly 20 years ago, the Congress of the United States recognized the need for a law to establish minimum wage and hour standards for American workers, and enacted the Fair Labor Standards Act. Today, 24 million workers are covered by this law, but an additional 20 million are not covered and are thus denied Federal minimum wage and overtime pay protection.

"We believe that the \$1-an-hour minimum wage and other protection now provided by the Fair Labor Standards Act should be extended to millions of those who are not covered by the law. We, the undersigned citizens, therefore urge that the Congress of the United States amend the Act to extend minimum wage and overtime pay coverage as quickly as possible."

Every worker has a big stake in the passage of such a law. Retail workers, however, have even more at stake since such employer organizations as the Retail Federation and the National Retail, Dry Goods Association have thus far been able to beat back previous drives, and have kept retail workers' wages exempt from the law.

The Local I-S Committee on Political Education (COPE) will soon be circulating these petitions.

Be sure to sign—and help guarantee that everyone you know also joins this important fight!

'Recession Here' Economists Say; Pay Cuts Start

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frankly welcome it, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Since the end of World War II there has been a critical shortage of sales clerks, stenographers and many other categories of white collar workers.

On November 1st, President Sam Kovenetsky warned that as a result of defense plant layoffs on Long Island, the workers at Roosevelt Field "are facing new and stiffer competition from those now unemployed."

This warning is already being borne out in other sections of the country also affected by unemployment. A Los Angeles bank reports that it has cut its starting wage by \$2.50 a week. A San Francisco company says that until recently it started stenographers at \$325 a month, but has cut that to \$275 to \$300.

A San Francisco department store worker reports that she didn't dare take sick leave time because the company was getting tougher.

In short, companies everywhere are taking advantage of the new competition among workers for jobs and are slashing standards as quickly as they dare.

With these problems in mind, the Local I-S Committee on Political Education (COPE) began to prepare for the second in its series of round table conferences. For details, see story on Page 2.

Critics Applaud 'Twisting Road'; Play Merits Support of Members

"Since Burt Marnik resents the treatment of the Negroes in the South, he has done something about it. He has written three one-act plays under the group title of 'The Twisting Road.' Over last weekend they were well played by the Antoine Players at Local I-S Auditorium, 290 Seventh Avenue; and they will be repeated next Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings."

With these words the New York Times drama critic, Brooks Atkinson, opened his review of I-S'er Stan Weinstein's heart-warming play.

That too few Union members have thus far come to see the play is a loss to them and to the play.

Members of Local I-S, in the main, learned long ago that unity is the key to trade union victory. They developed a strong hostility toward anyone who attempted to divide them, because they knew that was the road that led to defeat. The play strongly reinforces this important fact.

And they developed a strong sense of "fair play" in seeing that each individual's rights were protected—since this was the surest safeguard for their own rights. The play is eloquent on this score.

It is all of this that makes lack of support for "The Twisting Road" the more regrettable.

There are some whose senses may be offended by this strong and honest plea for the dignity of brotherhood, but surely they must be few.

For all others the play should stand as a reaffirmation of their faith.

Good Theatre

Make no mistake about it—the play is good. It is well-written, well-staged and well-acted. Both the critics and the audiences have agreed on that.

There are tears and there is laughter—and there is plenty of good solid food for thought.

There have already been suggestions concerning possible television and radio adaptations, as well as out-of-town productions of the play, but in the meanwhile the Local I-S Auditorium is the only place at which it can be seen.

This is by no stretch of the imagination an amateur production. It is highly skillful and professional at every turn.

Brooks Atkinson, respected leader of New York's critics, said, "Let it be said at once that the skeletonized settings by David Wohl and the lighting by Norman Blumenfeld are excellent."

Later in his review, Mr. Atkinson paid tribute to the author's competence as a theatre writer and to the acting ability of the cast.



"The Twisting Road." Here Clarice Taylor (seated), Roberta Royse and Lee Henry are shown in scene from "The Housekeeper." Play was singled out for special praise by critics, as was Miss Taylor.

Financial Woes

As good as it is, this play—like any other—cannot succeed without an audience. There are Equity salaries to be paid the actors. There is the crew of technicians and stage hands that even a small production requires. All this takes

money. And money comes from people who buy tickets.

People from all over New York who have seen "The Twisting Road" admire Local I-S for being host to it. Members of the Union can take genuine satisfaction and have a wonderful evening while supporting the excellent use to

which their Auditorium is being put.

Admission to "The Twisting Road" is by contribution. Guests are asked to donate \$1.50 on Fridays and Sundays, \$2.00 on Saturdays. Curtain time is 8:40 P.M.

For reservations, call ORegon 5-9603.



Economist Eisenberg, speaking for New York City CIO and AFL registers labor's opposition to Blue Cross request for 40 per cent increase in hospital insurance rates at crowded public hearing in November.

Labor and Community Groups Fight 40% Increase in Blue Cross Rates

Organized labor, the City of New York and other groups of organized citizens fought back with all the facts and figures at their command against a Blue Cross request for a 40 per cent hike in their insurance rates.

The public hearing, ordered by Leffert Holz, New York State Superintendent of Insurance, was crowded with representatives of many organizations waiting an opportunity to put their views into the record.

Local I-S President Sam Kovenetsky was on hand with a prepared statement which assailed the Blue Cross request as "striking a blow at all people, but threatening the greatest damage to the low and middle income worker.

"It is this group," the president's statement said, "that is most dependent on hospitalization insurance. There are millions of workers whose insurance is a result of collective bargaining. A 40 per cent increase may mean the end of family coverage, and fewer benefits for those whose insurance continues."

Others Argue

Both the CIO and AFL City Councils were represented by economic consultant Walter L. Eisenberg. Mr. Eisenberg attacked the Blue Cross policy of trying to provide more money for hospitals rather than more services for subscribers. Mr. Eisenberg also called on the Insurance Commissioner

to double the size of the Blue Cross board of directors, and to guarantee that half its members would be labor representatives.

The only speakers upholding the Blue Cross request came from hospitals and medical societies in the city. The hospitals also collect public money through the United Hospital Fund and the Greater New York Fund.

Individuals are urged to call on the insurance department to reject the Blue Cross application for a rate increase. Write to:

Superintendent Leffert Holz
New York State Dept.
of Insurance
61 Broadway
New York City

Union Nails Macy in New Attempt To Duck Contract; Wins Back Job

A Macy's executive, 9th Floor Superintendent Frank Quigley, tried to maneuver his way around the Union contract, and found that he couldn't.

When Helen Healey was transferred out of 41 Department's pillow section she left only one person behind her, who was due to begin a maternity leave on November 1st.

Miss Healey's right to restoration to her job was not due to run out until November 6th, and she was therefore confident that it was just a matter of days before she went back to where she belonged.

It came as something of a surprise to her, therefore, when she found that neither she nor Floor Committeeman Neal Kuypers could get a clear statement from Mr. Quigley regarding his intentions.

Mr. Quigley made his intended violation of contract even more obvious when he began to flex coverage into the department without restoring Miss Healey.

While Administrator Charles Boyd was still discussing the problem with the Labor Relations Department, Miss Healey's restoration period expired. Shortly af-

ter, Macy's made the final mistake of listing her job as "open hire."

The Union's representatives sharply reminded Macy's that the company had no right to hire from the outside so long as Miss Healey was in the store.

Just nine days after Miss Healey was considered "without right" so far as Mr. Quigley was concerned, the company admitted that the Union was right.

Miss Healey happily thanked the Union, and gratefully returned to her job.



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FOR SALE—Baby's crib and Biltrite carriage, like new. Phone UL 6-0545.

FOR SALE—Atlas baby carriage, Cosco high chair, and assorted baby needs. Excellent condition. Reasonable. Call IN 1-4250 from 9-10 A.M. or after 6 P.M.

FOR SALE—Doll coach carriage, all grey with white wheels. Excellent condition. Call TA 8-1420 mornings only.

FOR SALE—Felt and Terrant Comptometer, with instruction book. Good condition. \$25. Brand new portable sewing machine case. Phone TA 8-2890.

FOR RENT—Furnished room in 4 room apartment, East New York section of Brooklyn. Call PR 4-5205 after 7 P.M.

FOR RENT—Furnished room in private house. Flatbush section. Brighton Line. Call NI 6-3089.

WANTED—2½-3 room apt. for couple marrying Dec. 1st. To \$70 Manhattan preferred. Call Miss Bryant, TU 2-7336, evenings.

WANTED—3 room apartment, furnished or unfurnished, for married couple. Jamaica or Richmond Hills vicinity preferred. Phone LU 9-1600 after 6 P.M.

Personal ads for the Local I-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local I-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

TO THE EDITOR

AUDACIOUS

Having read Mr. Steptean's audacious letter to the Editor, in which my co-workers and I were described as "dull-minded, ill-informed, and stupid," just to name a few of the adjectives used, one cannot help but question the merits of it. He calls us such, and then proceeds to give us a classic example, as the editor pointed out, of his own ignorance.

He states that he is currently engaged in some form of litigation concerning his dismissal. Surely he doesn't intend to gain reinstatement? If so, by his own words, he would once again qualify as one of the stupid, underprivileged, ill-literate here at Macy's!

If Mr. Steptean really believes that we are as he claims, I should think he would have welcomed his dismissal. The obvious inference, drawn from the fact that he has failed to maintain the standards of such a group as he has described, is not very flattering to his supposed intelligence.

Mr. Steptean will find few other unionists, if any, who are better versed in the meaning of their Constitution, more alert to the rights and responsibilities, more able to deal with serious arguments, and more able intellectually to sift the chaff from the wheat and reject that which is bad, than at Macy's.

Could it be that Mr. Steptean could not stand up to the rapier thrusts of Macyite minds while here, and is attempting to belittle us now that he has been dismissed?

Yours truly,
Charles R. J. Dyson

BLOOD

Mr. Brugaletta and I would like to thank you most sincerely for the blood you supplied him in the hospital, and for taking care of other medical expenses at the time of his illness.

He is at home now, and with care and attention he should be well on the road to complete recovery.

One does not realize how lucky they are to be a member of Local I-S until something like this happens.

Many thanks again.

Sincerely yours,
Jean Brugaletta, 124 Dept.

FAST

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the fast, efficient service rendered to me after my recent operation.

Your friendly advice and answers to my questions helped out no end.

Sincerely,
Fred E. Ernst, W16

COURTESY

I received your check in payment for service rendered my husband.

Your courtesy and promptness, added to the comfort of having a medical expense load taken off our shoulders, is a wonderful thing.

We want to thank Local I-S for every effort they make to aid the members.

Sincerely,
Estelle Fried, SF

IMPRESSED

I wish to thank the Welfare Board for the gift received during my recent hospitalization.

I would also like to state that I was very impressed with the services offered under your Health Plan. The calibre of the services and people directly concerned with its operation certainly reflects to the credit of the Union's officials.

Respectfully yours,
A. Caner, 93 Dept.

FOOL

I suggest that Mr. Richard Steptean visit our book department and purchase a dictionary (a Junior Dictionary would be best for one of his mental capacities). Perhaps then, if he knows how to use one, he will not make such a fool of himself again.

Fraternally yours,
Esther Justin, 13 Dept.

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